

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you very much, Senator Mills. I share the concern of some people with the state going into competition with private business. However, I'm not assured that there is a supply of fish available from a private source. I do believe, however, you might be faced with the necessity of proving the importance of the expenditure over that of some other objective and I suppose it's a question again of whether or not we want to add \$100,000 here and \$100,000 there. I think that you have to recognize that certainly some of this problem is going to have to come back upon our fishermen and the Game and Parks Commission who are not going to have funds to stock some of their lakes due to some of the problems that have occurred in the recent flood. So I would hope and I will do a little checking quickly to determine whether or not there is any private stock in the state and I hope I'll have that answer by the time you ask for the vote.

PRESIDENT: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President, a couple of questions to Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator Mills, is the fish hatchery unique in the fact that we have a spring at Rock Creek?

SENATOR MILLS: I think it is, Senator Reutzel, and I'm glad you brought that out. I was going to do that in my close but it is there, Senator Reutzel, because of the spring and it's a natural place to rear these trout and they are. You see only one in the state, Senator Reutzel, because that spring is so significant.

SENATOR REUTZEL: My question was, that is the reason the fish hatchery is there and is that the only place in the state they can raise trout because of that water?

SENATOR MILLS: I don't know if it would be the only if they were to go out and build a whole brand new fish hatchery, but it's one of the few, Senator Reutzel, one of the few in the State of Nebraska and perhaps the only place but this I want to impress upon you, is not building a new place. It's not building a new fish hatchery. It's merely completing phase three of what has already taken place.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Okay. I have one question of Senator Koch then. He might be able to answer that one. Senator Koch, the expenditure on this project, is that able to be matched with federal dollars?

SENATOR KOCH: No, this is our own money, Senator Reutzel, and it's to bring about improvement and extension of the hatchery.

SENATOR REUTZEL: But the maintenance portion, is there any part of that available for federal dollars?

SENATOR KOCH: No, it's our money.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Okay. That's all, Mr. President.